

## **Weekly Status & Information Report: January 9 - 13, 2012**

1. **City Facilities Closed this Weekend (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday):** The Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue), Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue) and administration offices will be closed this weekend (Saturday - Monday, January 14 - 16, 2012) in honor of the Martin Luther King holiday. Winter Basketball League games will be played at local schools, as regularly scheduled. The Library will be open on Saturday; as always, the Police Department is open 24 hours a day. *(Recreation)*
2. **Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of January 17, 2012:**
  - City Council meeting, Tuesday, January 17, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
  - Washington Adventist Hospital Land Use Committee meeting, Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 p.m. in the Hydrangea RoomAll meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact JessieC@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. *(City Clerk's Office)*
3. **Concert Tonight - Friday, January 13:** Washington Musica Viva continue its Takoma Park Chamber Music Series this evening with a performance of "Spain & France," a trios for violin, cello, and piano by Enrique Granados and Gabriel Fauré. Concert begins at 7:30 pm and will be held in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium (7500 Maple Avenue). Admission Fee. <http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD?sk=events>. *(Housing and Community Development)*
4. **When School is Out, "Fun Day" Program is In!:** The Takoma Park Recreation Department will offer another Fun Day trip on Monday, January 23, 2012. This fun program takes place between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. During the trip, we will visit the Capitol Club House in Waldorf, Maryland. Register today, the program is filling up quickly. For more information please contact danaj@takomagov.org or (301) 891-7290. *(Recreation)*
5. **New Tai Chi for Seniors:** Twenty-five seniors joined volunteer instructor, Kirk Talbott, for their first Tai Chi class on Monday, January 9, in the Dance Studio. This eight week session continues through March 2012. For more information, please contact Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program Manager, at 301-891-7280 Paulal@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*
6. **New Exercise Chairs for Seniors:** Sixty seniors from the Yoga and Bone Builders classes were delighted to begin using the new exercise chairs provided by the Recreation Department in the Dance Studio at the Takoma Park Community Center. The exercise chairs are designed to provide proper support for senior exercise class routines. *(Recreation)*
7. **Gentle Yoga for Seniors:** The winter session of Gentle Yoga began this week on Friday, January 13. Eighteen seniors joined instructor Carol Mermey for the first class of the this eight week session in the Dance Studio at the Takoma Park Community Center. *(Recreation)*
8. **Futsal/Indoor Soccer League (Grades 2-4):** Teams are forming now -- so sign up today! Registration is limited to 60 participants for eight weeks.  
Sundays, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., January 22 - March 11, 2012  
Location: Takoma Park Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912, Tel: (301) 891-7289  
T.P. Residents: \$60. Non-Residents: \$70. Scholarship Opportunity: \$10.\*  
\*Scholarship opportunities are available to all Takoma Park Residents in need of assistance. Please the contact Recreation Department for more information at (301) 891-7290. *(Recreation)*
9. **Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape Meeting - Wednesday, January 18:** Your assistance is needed in creating a concept plan for a streetscape section where New Hampshire Avenue meets Ethan Allen Avenue / East-West Highway. The future Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape will provide a safe, comfortable, and connected environment for pedestrians. Share your input with City staff and neighbors at a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18 in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium (7500 Maple Avenue). For more information, contact Erkin Ozberk at 301-891-7213 or check out the project online at [www.thenewave.com/development/projects/eag](http://www.thenewave.com/development/projects/eag). *(Housing and Community Development)*
10. **Poetry Reading - Thursday, January 19:** Featured at this month's Third Thursday poetry reading is the work of Colgate alum Anastasia Ataku; local poet Anne Dykers, whose work was included in the popular collaborative exhibits Inspired Results and I w M o A r G d E; Mark Fitzgerald, whose poetry has appeared in such periodicals as the Squaw Review and The Beltway Poetry Quarterly; and W. F. Lantry, winner of the 2010 Lindberg Foundation International Poetry for Peace Prize in Israel. The poetry begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium (7500 Maple Avenue). Free Admission. <http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD?sk=events>. *(Housing and Community Development)*
11. **Gardening Grants:** Looking for a new project to take on in 2012? Consider working to establish a new community garden or landscape project along the New Hampshire Avenue Corridor. There is funding available for capital improvements, trees, bushes and perennials, as well as resource material on a variety of topics including how to organize your own community garden association. Several gardens have been started with great success; however, there are many other spaces that can use some beautifying - whether planting and caring for a small tree or developing a full garden. The deadline for submitting applications for funding is January 31. Applications are available at [www.thenewave.com/\\_files/docs/application-community-gardens.pdf](http://www.thenewave.com/_files/docs/application-community-gardens.pdf). For more information, contact Erkin Ozberk at 301-891-7213 or ErkinO@takomagov.org. *(Housing and Community Development)*
12. **The Chief in a Meeting:** On January 10, Chief Ricucci spoke with a Cub Scout group. *(Police)*

**13. Officers in Training:**

- On January 11, Pfc. Quante attended training entitled "OC Spray Instructor Course" at the MPCTC-Physical Training Center in Sykesville; on January 12, he again attended training entitled "Expandable Baton Instructor Course" at the same location. *(Police)*

**14. Community Outreach Officer (Pfc. Carla Magnaye):**

- On January 9, Officer Magnaye gathered data from the Crime Analyst on current crime trends. She created QUICK TIPS flyers on vehicle thefts and thefts from vehicles to be distributed to apartment complexes on Maple Avenue and Hampshire Towers. She also created mini-posters with theft/theft from vehicle prevention to be posted at Sunoco gas stations.
- On January 10, Officer Magnaye visited and spoke to managers on duty at Sunoco gas stations on New Hampshire Avenue to provide them with posters. She also conducted a station tour for the Boy Scout troop.
- On January 11, Officer Magnaye conducted morning business checks on University Boulevard, New Hampshire Avenue, Laurel Avenue, Carroll Avenue and Flower Avenue. She met with owners of Orchard Hall Apartments on 5th Avenue in reference to on-going quality of life issues on their property (neighbor is continually trespassing and dumping her garbage in their parking lot). She conducted foot patrol on University Blvd.
- On January 2, Officer Magnaye conducted building security checks at gas stations on New Hampshire Avenue. She distributed QUICK TIPS flyers at Essex House, Parkview Towers, and Deauville Apartments which are all located on Maple Avenue. She conducted foot patrol on Maple Avenue and Flower Avenue. She also put out a monthly safety topic for January. *(Police)*

**15. Crime Report:** The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (January 6-12, 2012) may be viewed online at: [http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/01/takoma-park-police-department-weekly\\_12.html](http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/01/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_12.html). *(Police)*

**16. Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 134 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, two vehicle impounds and four Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrests from traffic.

***During January 5-12, 2012, the following details were completed:***

January 5, 2012

- Takoma-Langley Crossroads Areas (tag reader/suspensions) – conducted a detail at various times and issued eight State citations.
- 7500 block of Carroll Avenue (speeding) – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and one other State citation.

January 7, 2012

- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued four State citations and one warning.

January 9, 2012

- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citations and four warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (various violations) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one warning.

January 10, 2012

- 1100 block of University Boulevard (seat belt & crosswalk enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Carroll Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Garland Avenue & Trescott Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- New Hampshire Avenue (tag reader) - conducted a three-hour detail and issued seven State citations.

January 12, 2012

- Holton Lane & New Hampshire Avenue (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and three warnings.
  - Flower Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued eight State citations.
- (Police)*

**17. Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes) Week of 1/6/12 – 1/12/12:**

State Citations issued: 50

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 3

Warnings: 2

Court: 7 hours

*(Police)*